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December 8, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Release of Road Easement
Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park – Kent County
Land Transaction Case #20080234

Description: Kent County, Plainfield Township, T08N, R11W, Section 29, An easement being the Northeasterly 33 feet of a parcel of land located in the NW ¼ of Section 29, T8N, R11W (Plainfield Township), Kent County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the NW corner of said Section 29, thence S 0° 13' 27" W 823.53 feet along the West line of said section; thence S 88° 40' 02" E 523.42 feet parallel with the North line of said section to a point on the Easterly right-of-way (ROW) line of West River Drive (100 feet wide) and the place of beginning (POB); thence N 53° 23' 13" E 210.00 feet along said Easterly ROW line; thence S 36° 36' 47" E 245.00 feet, perpendicular to said Easterly ROW line, to the Westerly line of Penn Central Railroad ROW (100 feet wide); thence S 51° 22' 05" W 210.13 feet along said Westerly railroad ROW line; thence N 36° 36' 47" W 252.40 feet to the POB. Said easement is more particularly described as being Southwesterly of, and parallel to, the S 36° 36' 47" E 245.00 feet Northeasterly boundary line of said described parcel. 0.19-acre.

Applicant: Richard Couturier, Comstock Park, Michigan

Sale Price: \$3,234.00 based on easement fee schedule

Authority: Part 19 and Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) December 29, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on January 5, 2009. The transaction was also posted in local newspapers as required by legislation.

Comments: Applicant seeks the release of a 33-foot wide by 245-foot long easement which benefits the Department. The request is made to facilitate the expansion of the applicant's existing business. The easement was acquired by the Department with a gift of land in 2000. Never utilized by the

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Department, the easement was provided for the purpose of ingress and egress from West River Drive to the west side of the former railroad right-of-way. The Department previously approved the release of easement of the other ½ of the 66-foot wide easement in 2008.


The proposed release of access easement was reviewed by Department staff and the easement was deemed non-essential for future trail purposes. It was approved by the Department's Land Exchange Review Committee on June 26, 2008. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).

The LEFF Act allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund, which can then be used to acquire replacement property. Deposit of said proceeds will not cause the fund to exceed \$2,500,000.00, as stipulated by legislation.

- Recommendations:
- (1) That the release of access easement be approved.
 - (2) That the proceeds of the transaction be deposited into the LEFF.



David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities



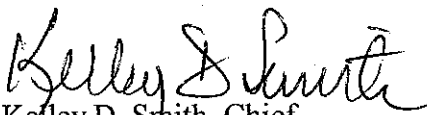
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I approve the staff recommendations.

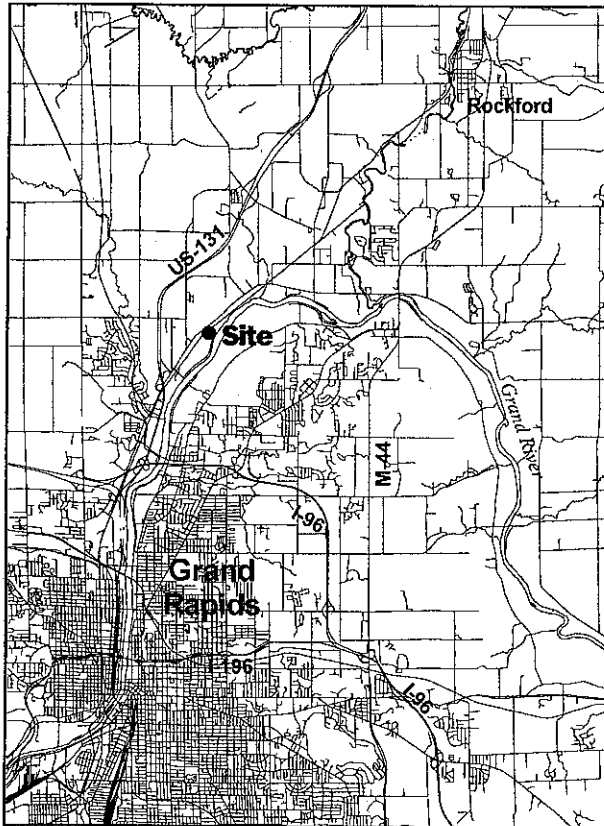
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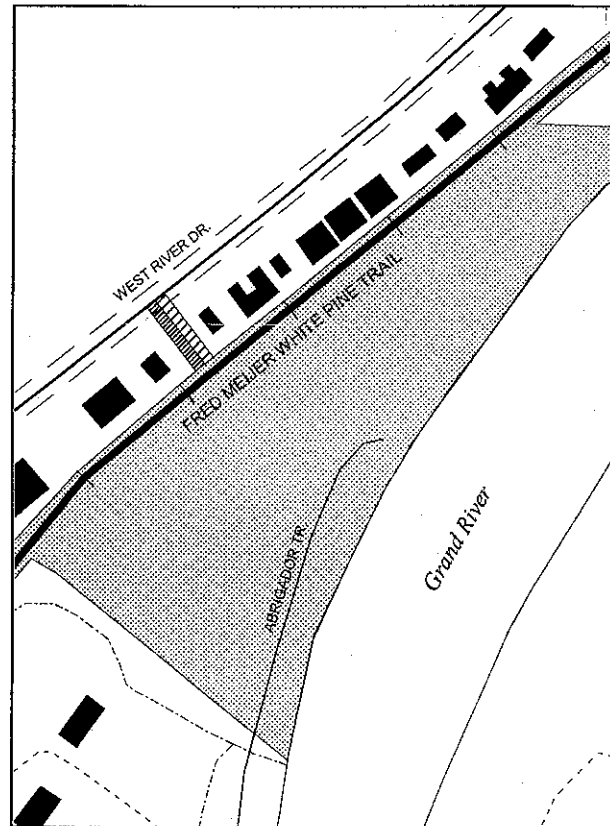
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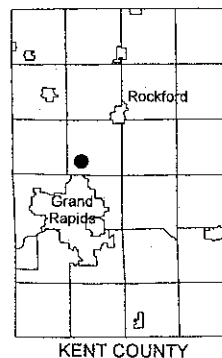
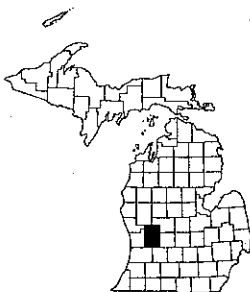


Regional Location



Section 29, T08N, R11W, Plainfield Township

- Fred Meijer White Pine Trail
- Road right-of-way
- Access easement to be released (0.19 acre - \$3,234.00)
- Access easement previously approved for release
- Buildings
- State land
- Private land



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